

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **HB 1383 - SB 1660**

March 5, 2001

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes the Division of Health Related Boards and the Emergency Services Board in the Department of Health to utilize screening panels in their investigative and disciplinary processes. The screening panels would be used to assure complaints are meritorious and could divert cases to alternative dispute resolution. This bill would exempt screening panel activities from open meeting requirements. The bill would immunize screening panel members, arbitrators, and mediators from subpoena and authorizes the boards to subpoena witnesses and documents for investigations. The bill prohibits release of subpoenaed documents as public records until a charge is filed based upon such documents.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant**

Any increase in expenditures associated with utilizing screening panels can be absorbed within existing resources.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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